

The Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan.

It is also just simply not nice nor charitable to increase fees to people such as our elderly parents who need to have a cell phone available in case of an emergency.

Most of these people hardly ever use their cell phone but simply keep it in case they have car trouble or a medical emergency and are unable to call on their home phone. DO you really think that this plan is fair to them? I think not. We have an obligation to take care of those in our society who are not as strong and independent as we instead of making life more difficult for them. Thank you for reading this letter. God bless you.

Sincerely, Mrs. Maria Hembree

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